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### REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to and including April 19, 2005 to respond to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2004.

This petition is being filed in order to ensure copendency with application being filed concurrently herewith.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

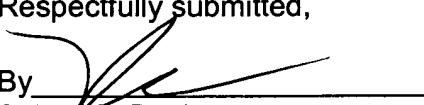
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No. 04-1105, under Order No. 60687(46865). A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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